

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

WARREN OFFICE, BOARD ROOM, 450 CHILD STREET, WARREN, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Anger at 6:00 pm, in the Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, John Veader

Directors Absent – William Lavey, Frank Sylvia

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2006,

be approved.

Chairman Anger discussed motions made at the February 15, 2006 Board Meeting concerning the O&M and Capital Budgets. Regarding the Senior Citizen Discount, Chairman Anger questioned if the senior discount was frozen/capped, would it be frozen/capped for one year or longer. Director Klepper stated that it would be frozen/capped for one year, you cannot commit future boards to this vote.

Motion passed 6 - 1, Director Rego abstained.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Added New Business, Director Saviano reported:

1. Vehicles, the following motion was duly made

MOTION: Money to be taken from the \$500,000 Capital Budget, to award the bids that Staff has recommended, \$47,146.00 for two vehicles.

Director Klepper seconded the motion.

Chairman Anger stated that Staff was not recommending the low bidder for the van purchase. The low bid was for a van that was too large for BCWA's use. Director Rego stated that we should be watching what we spend our money on for the next year.

Motion passed 5 – 2. Director's Jannitto and Rego voted nay. Director Jannitto stated BCWA should have accepted the low bid.

Old Business

1. FY07 O&M Budget, Executive Director DeLise to keep item on the agenda for April meetings.

2. Leasing of Second Floor of BCWA Administrative Offices, Executive Director DeLise to check with legal counsel, preliminary evaluation handed out.

3. Other Potential Fund Raising Venues, BCWA Barrington land is being investigated, an update will be provided at April meetings.

4. Senior Citizen Discount, Director Klepper stated that the rate for Senior Citizen is \$30.72 versus \$45.73 for non-seniors, a difference of \$15.01. the following motion was duly made

MOTION: To freeze the Senior Citizen Discount at \$15.01 per quarter beginning 3/1/06.

Director Saviano seconded the motion.

Chairman Anger stated that the discount would be frozen for this year only. Discussion followed if a super majority voted was needed this year and every year to continue the discount.

Vote was 4 –1 – 2. Voting Aye Directors Veader, Morrison, Saviano and Klepper. Voting Nay Director Jannitto. Abstaining Chairman Anger and Director Rego.

New Business

1. Quarterly Charge-offs, Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve charge-offs in the amount of \$6,566.26, as presented.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

New Business, Director Morrison reported:

1. Stock E Annual Materials Purchasing, Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve and award, as presented, low bidders, as follows:

 Pipe and Fittings – Warwick WinWater of Warwick, RI

 Valves, Tapping Sleeves & Valves, Valve Boxes and Accessories – E.J. Prescott of Warwick, RI

 Water Main Repair Materials – Ferguson Waterworks of Newton, CT

 Fire Hydrants – Vellano Bros. of Cranston, RI

 Water Service Construction Materials – Warwick WinWater of Warwick, RI

Director Jannitto asked about the on-going negotiations with the Warren Sewer Commission. Executive Director DeLise stated that the Warren Sewer Commission had sent a proposal with new fees. The new fees would be \$500,000 per year, a 500% increase in the fee amount. Our legal counsel is preparing a response. The permit to dispose of the sludge is presently in force. BCWA suggests that an independent consultant be hired to determine the cost of treating our sludge.

MIS and Accounting Manager Mr. Webster Goodwin stated that in 2000 BCWA paid approximately \$64,000 for arbitrage on our bonds. BCWA is now applying for a refund of approximately \$36,000.

Old Business

- 1. Kickemuit Reservoir Fish Ladder, Pre-bid was March 22, 2006. Construction bids are due April 7, 2006.**
- 2. Shad Pipeline, Executive Director DeLise stated that he will have a report to RIWRB for the April RIWRB meetings.**
- 3. FY07 Proposed Capital Budget/Cash Flow Forecasting, Item to be discussed at April meeting.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Veader reported:

- 1. Boardroom Furnishings/Decorations/Fixtures, Item to remain on the agenda.**
- 2. Essay/Poster Contest, Deadline for essay contest is 3/24/06. The theme is “Has Urbanization Affected the Watershed System”. Director Veader stated that this contest is good public relations for BCWA.**
- 3. Science Fair, Engineering Technician Ms. Susan Andrade stated that there were not any winners from Bristol County.**
- 4. Whipple Avenue, Barrington, Staff to investigate and report back to committee at May meetings.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Engineering Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 6:00 pm, Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

William J. Lavey, Jr.

BCWA Secretary